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Melazzo, Aug. 23.

YEsterday morning 21 French Gallies appeared in sight of this place, and at the same time eight Squadrons of Horse, and three Battalions of Foot, approached very near us by Land, upon which we fired our Cannon upon them; and, as we believe, did some execution, for they presently retired to *Fondo*, where they continued that day. The last night as well the said Troops as Gallies are retired to *Ibiso*, two of the Gallies having, as we are informed, received great damage. We have reason to believe that the design of the Enemy in coming hither was only to amuse us, and to give us occasion to draw our Troops hither from *Catanea*, whither we believe they are now gone.

Reggio, Aug. 25. We have been continually in Arms for eight days past, for that the French gave out they would come and set fire to this place in revenge of our designing to burn their Fleet at *Messina*. In the mean time the French have been before *Melazzo*, but without attempting any thing; and yesterday in the afternoon their Fleet returned into the Fare, where 12 Tartanes, and 9 Men of War, who for 2 days lay in sight of this place joined them. The whole French Fleet consisting 21 Gallies and 27 Men of War is now under sail, and takes its course towards *Catanea*, where we have the more reason to hope they will not effect any great matters, for that the place is very well fortified, and provided with a Garison of 1000 Horse and 3000 Foot.

Dantzicke, Sept. 15. The King of *Poland* continues to demand one of our principal Churches for the use of the Roman Catholicks, which our Magistrates cannot yet be persuaded to consent to, for besides the inconveniency of the thing it self, they apprehend it may may open a door to greater pretensions, some of which already appear, *viz.* of introducing some of that Religion into the Magistracy. This, its feared, may put this City into the Kings displeasure, and may be of prejudice to it in other matters. In a short time we shall see the issue of this affair. From *Warsaw* we have an account, that the Plague, which had raged there very violently was so far decreased, that many people who had left the Town, and were retired into the Country, were returned thither again. We are told that the Suedes being without any fears of the Moscovites, were raising Forces to form an Army in *Livonia* to attack the Elector of *Brandenburg* in *Prussia*.

From the Camp before Stetin, *Sept.* 17. The 14 instant between nine and ten at night, the Besieged made a vigorous Sally upon the *Brandenburgs* quarter, but were so warmly received and repulsed, that they were followed to the very Counterscarp, and had the Besiegers been provided at that time upon the place with Spades, Pickaxes, and other Instruments fit for the intrenching themselves, they might have been able to take post upon the said Counterscarp: the night following we fired very furiously from our Cannon, which have done so great execution, that we cannot see any one house left standing in the Town. Yesterday about 11 in the morning the Besieged made a Sally upon the Lunenburgs quarter with six Squadrons of Horse, and three Battalions of Foot; since which nothing of moment has passed.

Hamburg, Sept. 21. We have an account from *Pomeren*, that the Danes, consisting in about 20 Ships, had been seen off of the Isle of *Rugen*, upon which Count *Coningsmarke* repaired thither immediately from *Stralsond* with what Troops he could draw together. The Besiegers in *Stetin* have since our last made several brisk Sallies; and according to the report of several Deserters, the Burghers grow every day more and more obstinate to defend the place to the last extremity. The Elector of *Brandenburg* has, as we are told, promised his Soldiers the Plunder of it for three days when it shall be taken.

Strasburg, Sept. 17. Since the 14 instant the French Army is come over the Mountains by the way of *Saverne* and *Lutzelstein*, into *Alsace*, being for the conveniency of their march, divided into three Bodies, who on the 15 instant rejoined at *Ingweiler*, from whence the decamped yesterday, and came to *Weggersheim*, which is three Leagues from hence, having in their march burnt *Hagenau*, at least that part which remained of it. To morrow the Sieur *de Monclar* will join the Mareschal *de Crequi* with his Troops; and, it is said, that the Duke of *Saxe Eysenach* will be the 19 instant at the Fort of *Kiel*, which is a Fortification that guards our Bridge on the other side of the *Rhine*, to make good that Post, in case the French should endeavor to pass the *Rhine* here.

Spire, Sept. 17. The 15 instant the Duke of *Lorrain* and the Duke of *Saxe Lawenburg* passed with the Imperial Cavalry by *Deux-Ponts*, taking their march towards *Landaw*, the Prince of *Baden* marching at the same time with the Infantry and Artillery towards *Keyserlauterne*, and in a day or two the Army will be joined again.

Franckendal, Sept. 18. The Infantry of the Imperial Army was encamped the 16 and yesterday at *Keyserlauterne*, the Cavalry being advanced over the Mountains by the way of *Neustadt* to *St. Lambert* and *Landaw* in the *Palatinate*, whither the Infantry will likewise march to join them. We are told that the Imperial Troops will take their Winter-quarters on this side the *Rhine*, and that for their better subsistence, Magazines will provided at *Spire*, *Wormes*, and *Philipsburg*.

Brisac, Sept. 19. The Duke of *Saxe Eysenach* having, as you have already heard, passed the *Rhine* with some precipitation, encamped the 14 instant near *Fribourg*, where he still remains. The 17 the Sieur *de Monclar* arrived at *Benfels* near *Schlestadt*, and there joined a detachement commanded by the Marquis *de Valbelle*. Yesterday he passed the *Rhine* over our Bridge, and entred into *Brisgow*, with the Troops under his command. The Duke of *Lorrain* advances with the Imperial Army towards *Landaw* and *Weissembourg*. The 16 instant the Mareschal *de Crequi* encamped within three Leagues of *Strasburg*, and is at present near *Benfeldt*.

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